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FMCS AWARDS \$1 MILLION IN GRANTS TO
PROMOTE JOINT LABOR-MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

Kenneth E. Moffett, Acting Director, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, today announced the awarding of \$1 million in grants to promote joint labor-management committees in the United States.

The grants were awarded under FMCS' Labor-Management Cooperation Program, which was initiated in Fiscal Year 1981. The grants support individual plant, area-wide, or industry-wide labor-management committees, which focus on such issues as labor-management cooperation, increasing productivity, improving the quality of employee work life, and expanding a city or county's economic potential.

The \$1 million awarded will be used to fund a total of 14 joint committees across the country, affecting over 2 million employees. The grants range from a low of about \$25,000 for an in-plant committee at the Rome Cable Corporation in Rome, New York, to a high of \$150,000 for a statewide project developed through the Michigan Quality of Work Life Council in Detroit. Some of the firms represented on FMCS-funded labor-management committees are Westinghouse Electric Corporation, A & P, General Motors, ARCO Chemical Corporation, Houston Belt and Terminal Railway, and the Rath Packing Company. Unions represented include The United Steelworkers of America, American Federation of State, County and

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Municipal Workers, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Communications Workers of America, and the United Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Those interested in learning more about FMCS' Labor-Management Cooperation Program should write Peter Regner, Director of Labor-Management Grant Programs, FMCS, 2100 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20427, or call (202) 653-5240.

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